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November 11, detained 1 person four days out from Vera Cruz. Originated in Coatzacoacos, Mexico. Disinfected 1 trunk and hand baggage with formaldehyd gas. Raised closed quarantine against yellow fever points November 15.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Vessels from Cuban, Mexican, and Central American ports inspected at Reedy Island Quarantine.*

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,  
*via Port Penn, Del., November 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels from Cuban, Mexican, and Central American ports were inspected at this station during the week ended November 17, 1900:

November 17, 1900, steamship *Miramar*, from Santiago de Cuba, with ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

*Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and Central American ports.*

BALTIMORE, MD., November 24, 1900.

SIR: I have to report the following-named vessels as having entered at this port for the week ended to-day from the ports named: November 19, British steamship *Alabama*, from Daiquiri, with ore; British steamship *Hounslow*, from Daiquiri, with ore; German steamship *Helvetia*, from Livingston, Guatemala, cargo in transit to Hamburg.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,  
*Collector.*

*Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.*

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of October, 1900. Estimated population, 71,000. Total number of deaths, 83, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 2, and 7 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Chicago*.—Month of September, 1900. Census population of 1900, 1,698,575. Total number of deaths, 1,884, including diphtheria, 42; enteric fever, 34; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 4; whooping cough, 24, and 219 from tuberculosis.

IOWA—*Dubuque*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 30,311. Total number of deaths, 28, including enteric fever 1, and 2 from tuberculosis.

Month of October, 1900. Total number of deaths, 45, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 1, and 8 from tuberculosis.

MAINE—*Portland*.—Four weeks ended October 27, 1900. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 69, including enteric fever, 3; whooping cough, 3, and 8 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Fitchburg*.—Month of October, 1900. Estimated population, 31,531. Total number of deaths, 26, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1, and 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended November 17, 1900, from 78 observers, indicate that diph-

theria was more prevalent, and remittent fever and inflammation of kidney less prevalent than in the preceding week. Enteric fever was reported present at 160, phthisis pulmonalis at 156, scarlet fever at 93, diphtheria at 38, whooping cough at 10, measles at 10, cerebro-spinal meningitis at 3, and smallpox at 21 places.

The Monthly Bulletin of Vital Statistics for October, 1900, says:

There were 2,817 deaths returned to the department of State for the month of October, corresponding to a death rate of 13.8 per 1,000 estimated population. The data from the United States census of 1900 are not yet available for use in computing rates, although the population of certain cities are given in Table II according to the latest enumeration.

The number of deaths recorded for the month is 502 less than the number for September, although nearly 400 more than the number returned for October, 1899.

There were 622 deaths of infants under 1 year, 234 deaths of children aged from 1 to 4 years, both inclusive, and 682 deaths of persons over 65 years of age.

Important causes of death were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 130; other forms of tuberculosis, 48; typhoid fever, 163; diphtheria and croup, 65; scarlet fever, 26; measles, 4; whooping cough, 3; pneumonia, 137; diarrheal diseases of children under 5 years, 353; cancer, 111; accidents and violence, 145. There was 1 death from smallpox in Franklin Township, Houghton County.

Typhoid fever continued to increase, there being 163 deaths from this cause as compared with 136 in September and 68 in August. The mortality is greater than during the corresponding month of last year, which had 116 deaths from typhoid.

Diphtheria and croup also showed an increased mortality and pneumonia began its usual seasonal ascent in the scale. The principal cause of the diminution of mortality for the month was the decrease in diarrheal diseases of children, which lessened over one-half as compared with the preceding month (791 to 353).

MINNESOTA—*St. Paul*.—Month of October, 1900. Estimated population, 165,000. Total number of deaths, 111, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 7; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 12 from tuberculosis.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Oil City*.—Month of September, 1900. Estimated population, 17,000. Total number of deaths, 11, including 3 from tuberculosis.

Month of October, 1900. Total number of deaths, 11, including enteric fever, 1, and 2 from tuberculosis.

UTAH—*Ogden*.—Month of October, 1900. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 27, including enteric fever, 5; scarlet fever, 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

VIRGINIA—*Roanoke*.—Month of October, 1900. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 34, including 5 from tuberculosis.

WASHINGTON—*Seattle*.—Month of October, 1900. Census population of 1900, 80,671. Total number of deaths, 62, including enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 1, and 5 from tuberculosis.